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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS30083 / H0022

This bill withholds sales and use tax revenue distributions to city or county governments that take actions, such as proclamations, to refuse to enforce any felony listed in Idaho criminal code. Some local governments may take it upon themselves to defy state law by refusing to enforce Idaho criminal codes. This bill allows a remedy to prevent ongoing or future lawlessness. The local government entities have 180 days from the state tax commission holdback to rescind their proclamation or other actions. Should they not, said funds will be returned to the General Fund.

FISCAL NOTE

There does not appear to be any fiscal impact to the General Fund. There may be an increased income to the General Fund, should a local government fail to comply with this statute. There is no discernible increased cost to local governments as they already have law enforcement agencies engaged in policing felony crimes.

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